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Network Working Group
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Response to NWG/RFC #67

Bill's suggestion is a good one; however, my current policy is to encourage the most rapid implementation of the protocol in document #1, and his suggested modification should be delayed. It seems to me most important to gain experience using the network before making changes to the protocol which are not dictated by necessity. (I polled several sites regarding Bill's suggestion. Sites with NCP implementations under way tended to agree with this policy, while sites further behind tended to desire Bill's suggested change.)

With respect to changes, in general, I believe that changes are necessary to improve the efficiency, provide greater flexibility, and guarantee reliability. Many of us can suggest changes now, but I suspect that clearer ideas will emerge from usage.